

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF DECEMBER 20-26

PRAYER GUIDE: PSALM 2 (ESV)

Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
² The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed,
saying,
³ "Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."
⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
⁶ "As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill."
⁷ I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.
⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your
heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
¹² Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

REVERENCE

God's praiseworthy attributes displayed in this text:

- God is the Lord (v. 2)
- Christ is the Anointed One (v.2)
- Sits (enthroned) in the Heavens (v. 4)
- A God of terrifying wrath (v. 4)
- Jesus is King (v. 6)
- God is Holy (v. 6)
- Jesus is God's begotten son (v. 7)
- The nations of the earth belong to Him (v. 8)
- Christ will judge and rule the nations (v.9)
- Worthy of our service (v. 11)
- Worthy of our reverence (v. 11)
- The fear of Him brings Joy (v. 11)
- Worthy of our affection and adoration (v. 12)
- Judges spiritual rebellion (v. 12)
- Source of blessing (v. 12)
- Our refuge (v. 12)

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POSSIBLE PRAYER PROMPTS:

REVERENCE

- I praise You Jesus because You are King over _____.
- Because the whole earth is Your possession, You are Lord over _____.
- Thank You that You were my refuge when _____.

RESPONSE

- Holy King, I surrender my _____ to Your rule.
- Lord, forgive me for forgetting that You are _____ over all nations.
- Lord, I have put _____ ahead of serving You. Forgive me.
- My God, I confess that too often I take my refuge in _____ instead of You.

REQUESTS

- God, cause the nations to fear You when _____.
- Jesus, please help _____ (Christian) see that they do not have to fear Your wrath because You shed Your blood for them.
- Lord, I pray that _____ (name) will take refuge in You as they struggle with _____.
- Lord, cause me to put my hope in you as our nation _____.
- Father, open _____ (name) eyes so they may see that Your wrath is upon them and then draw them to Yourself.

READINESS

- Help me to serve and worship you today as I _____.
- I know that _____ (name) is in rebellion against You. Give me an opportunity to share the Gospel with them.
- As I encounter _____, help me to trust You as my refuge.

Monthly Prayer Focus: "Christ in Christmas" (Advent Devotional)

POSSIBLE DEVOTIONAL FOCUS:

Luke 1:39-56: *Elizabeth and Mary*

Luke 2:1-20: *The Birth of Jesus*

Meditation questions:

1. What makes this story of how Herod "missed his King" so tragic?
2. How do we try to remove Jesus' authority from our lives today?